

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the application in accordance with the Final Office Action and the discussion held in the November 30, 2006 telephonic interview. Applicants believe the amendments address the concerns of the Examiner set forth in the Final Office Action and incorporate the amendments discussed in the November 30, 2006 interview, which, as Applicants understand, place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 9-11, 17, 22, 30, 31, 43 and 44 have been amended as discussed above. No claims have been canceled or added. Claims 1-44 remain pending in the present application, of which 1, 22, 43 and 44 are independent.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and earnestly request notification to that effect. The Examiner may telephone Applicants' attorney (360-930-3533) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

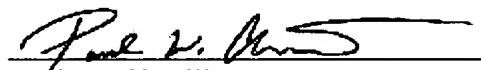
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Respectfully submitted,

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